

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for storing data in a nonvolatile memory which can be rewritten by a central processing unit, the method comprising the steps of:

storing storage management information regarding the storage management of data to be stored in the nonvolatile memory, including information indicative of the beginning of the storing of the data in the nonvolatile memory and information indicative of the completion of the storing of the data in the nonvolatile memory, ~~[[the]]~~ a unit of the data being smaller than an erase unit in the nonvolatile memory;

storing storage completion information indicative of the completion of the storing of the storage management information in the nonvolatile memory; and

judging, after a return from interruption of a process which occurred in the middle of the storage management information being stored, by referring to the storage completion information whether the storing of the storage management information is completed.

2. (Currently Amended) The method for storing data in a nonvolatile memory according to claim 1, wherein the storage management information includes an address in the nonvolatile memory designated on an application and an address in the nonvolatile memory where the data is actually stored.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method for storing data in a nonvolatile memory

according to claim 1, wherein the storage management information includes copy information regarding the copying of the data in a garbage collection process.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for storing data in a nonvolatile memory according to claim 1, wherein the storage management information includes a plurality of pieces of information regarding the storage management, further wherein the storage completion information is given to each of the plurality of pieces of information regarding the storage management.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for storing data in a nonvolatile memory according to claim 1, wherein the storage completion information is 1-bit data.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for storing data in a nonvolatile memory according to claim 1, wherein the storage management information and the storage completion information are stored in a volatile memory, a power source for which is backed up by a battery.

8. (Currently Amended) A storage unit for storing data in a rewritable nonvolatile memory, the unit comprising:

a storage management information store section for storing storage management information regarding the storage management of data to be stored in the nonvolatile memory, including information indicative of the beginning of the storing of the data in the nonvolatile memory and information indicative of the completion of the storing of the

data in the nonvolatile memory, the unit of the data being smaller than an erase unit in the nonvolatile memory;

a storage completion information store section for storing storage completion information indicative of the completion of the storing of the storage management information in the nonvolatile memory; and

a stored information judgment section for judging, after a return from interruption of a process which occurred in the middle of the storage management information being stored, by referring to the storage completion information whether the storing of the storage management information is completed.